

REMARKS

Claims 36 – 47 are canceled. All previously canceled claims, claims 1 – 47, are now shown in the listing of claims. The text of pending claims 48 – 82 is presented.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038738/48167CO).

Respectfully submitted,

April 6, 2004



Donald D. Evenson
Registration No. 26,160
Lawrence E. Carter
Registration No. 51,532

CROWELL & MORING LLP
Intellectual Property Group
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844

DDE:LEC:adb